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Sir:

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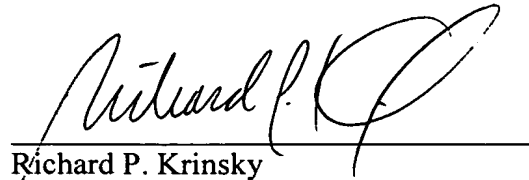
- I. This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).
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